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Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day on May 13, 2006

Taos, NM—The public is invited to learn about the impact migratory birds have in our daily lives.

The Bureau of Land Management's Taos Field Office, the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe Raptor Center will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day on May 13, 2006, at the BLM Rio Grande Gorge Visitor Center, in Pilar, New Mexico, 16 miles south of Taos on Highway 68.

The event will focus on North America's Boreal Forest region. Its importance extends far beyond Canada, Alaska, the Lower 48 States to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America, where many forest birds migrate and spend the winter season. A variety of activities will be included in the celebration:

6:00 a.m. – join biologists and local naturalists for an early morning bird walk along the Rio Grande.

8:00 a.m. – take a short course on identifying local birds by sight and sound. In addition to bird identification, we will discuss bird conservation issues in northern New Mexico.

9:00 a.m. – participate in a bird walk along a section of the lower Rio Grande Gorge. Everyone, regardless of age or skill level, is welcome to participate

10:00 a.m. – see live birds of prey, participate in a raffle, enjoy refreshments, and children's activities at the Rio Grande Gorge Visitor Center.

The weather tends to be very cool to cold and warming occurs about mid-morning. A warm coat, gloves, and a hat are recommended. Come prepared—wear outdoor clothing, walking or hiking shoes, and bring drinking water. Binoculars, spotting scopes and camera are recommended.

For more detailed information about the events, please contact Justin Dean, BLM Taos Field Office, at 505-758-8851.



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